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RURAL COMMUNITIES BOAST COLORFUL NAMES

(The Atlanta Journal)

One of the delightful privileges enjoyed by editors of daily newspapers is that of perusing the weekly papers of their state. For it is there that one will find the grass roots of Georgia.

The editor of the average small-town weekly knows everyone in his community by sight and can call most of his fellow townspeople by their first names. He is concerned chiefly not with the world's momentous events but with the everyday happenings in his own town—the births and deaths and marriages and the comings and the goings.

And the correspondents of these weeklies in the nearby communities are not, like their fellow city journalists, held to strict accounting for what they report. They may, if they wish, not only record that Mr. and Mrs. John Doe spent the week-end in Atlanta or Newnan or Rome but express their individual opinions about General MacArthur, the state of the weather, the school principal's new hat and a spat between neighbors.

What brings the weeklies and their correspondents to mind at the moment is the quaintness of the names of many of the communities they represent. One could travel a far piece and fail to find communities as refreshingly named as some of those in our own state of Georgia.

To take a few at random, there are in Walton County the communities of Between, Split Silk and Bay Creek. The Ideal community is located in Macon County, as is also Cut-Off.

In Gilmer County you will find Tails Creek and in Henry County Locust Grove. Hopeful is the name of a neighborhood near Pelham, and Canoochee is situated not far from Claxton.

If you are in Wrightsville, you can travel a short distance and go fly a kite in Kite. And how many of you have ever visited Acheson?

Say what you like but we Georgians are an ingenious lot when it comes to naming our rural communities.

OUR POOR RICHARD LAW

(The Eastern Shore News)

Too many drivers on Virginia state highways have taken a page from Poor Richard's Almanac to validate Franklin's adage that "Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed." Our Poor Richard law is gentle, indeed, and it would appear that we have few gentlemen on our highways after dark.

If you will observe the law during daylight, what then induces one to flaunt it after dark? The law, for instance, which orders night drivers to dim their lights when approaching oncoming vehicles is too often ignored, or observed only at the insistance of the "law abiding" citizen.

It should not be necessary for an approaching vehicle to insist with a series of up and down light flicks that you dim your lights. You should automatically dim your lights at a sufficient distance not to blind an oncoming driver.

The operation of dimming your lights requires nothing more of you than suppressing the floor button in your car. The button was put there for that purpose. Use it!

Let's do away with our Poor Richard law which does nothing other than increase highway tragedies. The law is in your hands, execute it with your foot!

40 STATES IN RED

(The Winchester Star)

The Wall Street Journal reports today that the government of 40 states went into the red this past year. In other words, 40 of the 48 states spent more money than they took in.

Virginia will end the year with a surplus, maybe as much as $5 or $6 million.

LIFE'S COMPLICATONS EXTEND EVEN TO BREAD

(The Wall Street Journal)

There was a time when life was simple and a man could figure on getting through the day in a comfortable, familiar routine. Apparantly that day is gone forever. After trying to get things straight about bringing home a loaf of bread, we believe the new age has finally arrived.

A man can no longer ask for a loaf of bread. It may be his wife wants whole wheat, enriched white, plain white, oatmeal, rye, sliced, unsliced, wrapped or unwrapped. There are raisen bread, prune bread, banana bread, orange bread and graham bread. Perhaps you should get bread with any one of a dozen vitamins. By the time this article appears there may be hormone bread, antibiotic bread, benevolent bread and helpful fungi bread.

You might memorize this list, and the next time be sure to ask what kind of bread is wanted.

Homemakers' Items

Simple household repairs will save many valuable articles that aren't too badly damaged.

For instance if you have a hot water bottle that has sprung a leak, you can fix it with a cotton patch and clear nail polish. Apply a thin coat of polish around the leak and press the cotton patch down on it. After the polish is dry put several more coats over the patch and leave overnight before using.

If you have an ice pack that's always sticking to the refrigerator, coat the bottom with a little cooking or salad oil.

You can restore the cedar smell to your cedar chest by sanding the interior lightly.

That veil you were wearing when you got caught in the rain is no problem to fix. First place it under a sheet of waxed paper and press it with a hot iron. It will look like new.

A few strands of steel wool may be just what you need to fix a loose drawer knob. If the hole is too large the screw turns but doesn't hold. Remove the screw, twist the steel wool around the screw before you put it back.

PRIORITY ASKED FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Top priority for school building after the country's military needs have been met was urged recently by the board of managers of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Forty-eight board members from all parts of the state adopted a resolution calling for "priority for materials, equipment and supplies for school buildings after the major needs of the United States have been met, on the premise that next in importance to the military protection of American citizens stands the educational training of the nation's children and youth."

Reasons for the resolution were listed as follows:

(1) School buildings existing today are often obsolete and inadequate to house the present school population.

(2) The current phenominal growth of enrollments in the public schools and the rapidly rising potential enrollments make imperative the uninterrupted construction of the country's construction program.

(3) A high priority for necessary construction would claim only a small proportion of the total production of critical materials.

RASPBERRY PLANTINGS

Thorough cultivation to conserve moisture in raspberry plantings is advised by Bruce Aroian, associate horticulturist at V. P. I.

He says the growth of canes and ripening of berries take place in midsummer when moisture is often lacking. Moisture, more than any other factor, influences size of the fruit and yield.

Use of mulching materials will help too, and can take the place of cultivation. Aroian says to spread four to six inches of hay, straw, leaves or sawdust between the rows. Be sure the mulch is free of weeds, for the first two years it may be necessary to use fertilizer high in nitrogen to replace the nitrogen used up by organisms rotting the mulch.

Aroian also advises annual fruit pruning to check the terminal growth of new shoots of black and purple raspberries during the summer. To prevent the plants from growing long sprawling canes that are hard to manage, pinch the tips of the new shoots off when they reach the desired height.

This throws the plant growth into sturdy side branches. The black raspberry is usually headed at from 18 to 24 inches, and the purple raspberry about 6 inches higher.

American production sets record for first months of 1951.

The tourist season is on! Make an extra effort to be courteous to visitors to our community.

Republican banker is seen due to get RFC job.

Arab League sets up agency for purpose of boycotting trade with Israel.

Britain warns Iran of serious results of nationalization of oil.

Thirty-five march in Armed Forces Day parade in New York.

Utah prison inmates stage riot.

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Final Figures on Va. 1951 Highway Tolls

Richmond, Va., May 23.- For the fourth consecutive year the ranks of Virginia traffic dead swelled as the records for 1950 closed with 915 dead, according to C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Executive Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, who announced also that this was the Commonwealth's worst record since 1941.

In addition to the dead, 21,840 were injured and just short of $60 million dissipated in property damage and economic losses. Colonel Woodson stated that it might be well to bear in mind those consequences which cannot be measured by statistics as grief, pain and financial distress due to the death or injury of family heads.

In all there were 46,371 reported accidents, 785 of which were fatal. Colonel Woodson noted with alarm the continuing rise of fatal accidents involving only one vehicle which overturns or leaves the road to strike a fixed object. Last year 201 of the fatal crashes were of this type as compare unfavorably with the 251 of 1949. Of the 1,044 drivers involved in accidents killing one or more persons, 82 were military personnel who were almost invariably involved in off-duty crashes. This latter problem, Colonel Woodson said, will increase as military establishments build up their strength.

Alcohol kept pace with other law violation as 22.4 per cent of the drivers in fatal accidents were known to have been drinking. This figure, Colonel Woodson said, is 3.8 per cent above the comparable statistic for 1949 and is conservative since it is often impossible to ascertain whether a killed or badly-injured driver was affected.

Pedestrian deaths increased from 1949's 197 to 216, urban deaths dropped from 124 to 117 but those in rural areas rose from 686 to 798. For the first time also, since 1941 the rate of deaths per 100 billion vehicle miles increased as 1950 showed 9.0 against the 8.8 of 1949. The totals for 1949 were 810 killed, 17,850 injured, 36,707 accidents and $36 1-2 million in monetary and economic losses. Traffic volumes were noted to have risen about 10 per cent.

Railroad crossing crashes continued to kill with 25 dead in 20 fatal accidents which were six more accidents and one more dead than in 1949.

Colonel Woodson closed in stating that Virginia's overall program of traffic has been repeatedly acknowledged sound by national authorities and that an increase of nearly 13 per cent in deaths points to individual responsibility. State Police alone, he said, made 70,636 arrests for traffic offenses during the past fiscal year with a record of better than 90 per cent convictions. During the same period, the Division of Motor Vehicles reported 25,915 operators' permits were revoked or suspended.

Preparing Tobacco Plants for Best Results

Toughening or hardening tobacco plants before transplanting is important in production of a high quality crop, says G. R. Mathews, associate agronomist at V. P. I.

He says the plants will harden if the cover is removed a week or ten days before transplanting.

The soil in the plant bed should be wet when the plants are pulled or they are pulled when the beds are hard and dry, many of the fine feeder roots will be destroyed, resulting in a poor stand and lack of uniformity. If the beds are dry, water them thoroughly several hours before pulling the plants.

Mathews also says watering after plants are pulled will firm the soil and encourage the smaller plants to resume growth quickly.

Training Meetings For 4-H Club Leaders

Training meetings for adult 4-H leaders, older club members, and members of young men's and women's clubs, have been scheduled for this month.

Miss Lucille Graves, associate state 4-H agent at V. P. I., said that more emphasis is being put on recreational programs in the state this year, and that funds for the meetings have been granted by the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

Instructor at the schools will be Miss Catherine Allen, University of Tennessee.

The schools will be held: May 23 in Marion; May 26 in Lynchburg; May 28 in Richmond; May 29 in Front Royal; and May 30 in Petersburg.

Anyone interested in attending should contact county farm or home agents.

4-H Club Contest

Finals for the 1951 4-H public speaking program will be held Friday morning, June 29, at the State 4-H Short Course at V. P. I., Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent, announced today.

A preliminary contest will be held sometime during that week, and three boys and three girls will be named to compete in the finals.

So far 12 counties have listed entries in the contest.

Rocks

Rocks, May 22.- Farmers were busy last week fixing up tobacco land. Blue mold had on the plants.

Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale spent Tuesday with Mrs. Thomas Fleshman.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Paulette.

Misses Alice Lee Hannah and Yowilder Webber were Tuesday night guests of Sandra Ruth Roach.

Mrs. Curtis Scruggs and infant have returned home from the hospital.

Willian Ransom celebrated his birthday Monday.

Mrs. Robert Roach and Sandra Ruth celebrated their birthday last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cottage Prayer meeting was held Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh had several of their children to visit them on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Quite a few from here attended the Senior Play at Pamplin Friday night.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tearl Brown and daughter were dinner guests of Mrs. W. F. Ransom and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Dennis Wayne, of Red House, and Mrs. J. A. Garrette, of Evergreen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale Sunday.

Mrs. Wilson Paulette and Gene, of Appomattox called to see Mrs. D. R. Inge awhile Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and children and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin were visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson, of Hixburg attended Sunday School and preaching at Rocks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dickerson, of Lynchburg were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne of Williamsburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Bradley says time is not ripe to use Chiang's troops.

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